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Church of St. Mary of the Assumption  
Pylesville, Maryland

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MSI#-1097406

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Church of St. Mary of the Assumption

AND/OR COMMON

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

St. Mary's Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Pylesville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Archdiocese of Baltimore, Corporation Sole Catholic

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

320 Cathedral Street

Center

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: ALJ 8      ALJ 26  
Folio #: 153      172

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL    \_\_\_ STATE    \_\_\_ COUNTY    \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This stone masonry church is similar to other churches in Harford County designed or built in the late nineteenth century. The high pitched, slate covered roof and tall tower were a popular feature of churches built in this era.

A unique feature is the rounded west wall, the end at which stands the altar. The main entrance of this church is on the east facade. The center entrance has double hung, paneled doors. An immense, semi-elliptical arch is above this doorway. The entrance is flanked by two circular, stained glass windows, each having a lancet shaped frame and an arch. In the center of the upper elevation of the east facade is a very ornate, three-part circular window. This also has a large stone arch in a lancet shape. (see sketch). A stone water table is on each wall. The stone tower on the southeast has a small window on the south. Turned posts form a belfry onto which is added a slate covered, conical roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present church was completed in 1895 to provide ample room and greater facilities for the growing Catholic community in the Pylesville area. The church was begun under the pastorate of the Reverend Gerard B. Nysson and bears a datestone of 1890.

The history of this parish's existence is closely tied to that of the parish of St. Ignatius in Hickory.

The land on which this building and the former church stand was donated by Ignatius G. and Margaret Macatee in 1856 and 1870. The tract is known as Harry's Delight.

The Macatee family had long been active in the affairs of the Church and prior to the first church's construction had offered their home as a place of worship. The stone dwelling built by Henry Macatee on the family Belle Farm (HA-477) was often used for religious worship after its completion in 1820.

The original church was constructed in 1855, completed in 1856, during the tenure of Reverend J.A. Walter, pastor at St. Ignatius. In 1872 the church received its first resident pastor, Reverend Joseph A. Gallen.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Joerndt, Clarence V.; St. Ignatius, Hickory, and Its Mission, 1972.

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage; 1967.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the north by St. Mary's Church Road and on the east by Rocks Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

May 27, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704

ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404 (Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

St Mary's ~~Old~~ Roman Catholic Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

St Mary's Church Road about 0.2 mi west of Rocks

CITY OR TOWN:

Pylesville

Road (Md 24)

STATE

Md

21132

CODE

COUNTY:

Harford

CODE

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>	
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>	
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Archdiocese of Baltimore

STREET AND NUMBER:

~~1400 Mulberry & Charles Streets~~

CITY OR TOWN:

~~Baltimore~~ Baltimore

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER:

HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN:

BEL AIR

STATE

MARYLAND

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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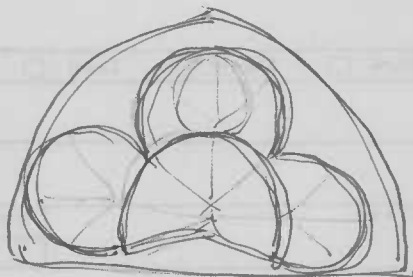
## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone masonry church, with a round tower capped by a cone over the belfry, at the south corner of the east facade or entrance, and rounded wall at the west end, the altar.

Steep A roof, slate, with ornate wood cornice. windows are a low gothic arch framed within by <sup>variations of</sup> three part-circles ~~extending from~~ ~~a part-circle window in the center,~~ the most ornate and complex over the high entrance. (see below.)



## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐lasophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itation ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☒Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This fortress - like masonry church  
was the second at this location, and  
bears a datestone of 1890.



## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <b>JEAN S. EWING</b>		
ORGANIZATION: <b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</b>	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>50 STATE CIRCLE</b>		
CITY OR TOWN: <b>ANNAPOLIS</b>	STATE: <b>MARYLAND</b>	CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

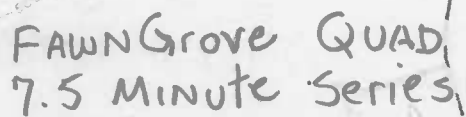
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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_





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Pylesville, MD  
Northwest  
May, 1977  
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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church  
Pylesville, MD  
East  
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